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Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability in the first office action. Claims 7 and 9 have been represented in independent form. Thus, these claims are allowable over the prior art. Independent claim 1 has been amended to make clear that an electric motor drives the valves.

The examiner rejects the claims over the prior patent to Davis taken with Taylor, et al. Davis discloses some form of pneumatic linkage, and does not disclose an electric motor. In fact, Davis is associated with a pneumatic control which is not fully disclosed. Thus, little can be said about the disclosure of how the valves in Davis are moved. What is clear is that Davis cannot meet claim 1 as amended.

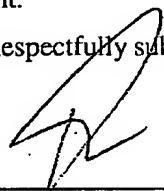
Independent claims 12 and 18 have been amended to make clear that in applicant's claimed invention there is infinite control over the valve positions. In Davis, there is no disclosure of control to intermediate positions for the valves. Rather, it appears from the connection of Davis that each of the valves is either fully open or fully closed. Certainly, Davis cannot meet the limitations of these two independent claims.

The other dependent claims recite other features that are not shown by Davis.

For the reasons set forth above, allowance of all claims is in order and is requested.

Fees in the amount of \$450.00 for additional claims may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the same Deposit Account for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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